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1. Several Soviet vessels, equipped with antiaircraft machine guns, have been observed patrolling in the waters of Astara (N 38-28, E 48-52) and Lenkoran (N 38-45, E 48-50) both during the day and at night. Occasionally one of them appeared close to the shore

It was source's opinion that these vessels were used to protect the coastal area in the Caspian Sea and were under the command of the border post at Lenkoran. 25X1

2. Soviet motor boats have also been seen patrolling in the waters of Lenkoran, Astara, and Kalleh-Dahaneh. These boats were used primarily for checking the operations of fishermen going to sea and were not entrusted with the protection of the coastal area.
3. No Soviet submarines or submarine nets have been observed in the Caspian Sea and no information is available on the existence of a radar network along the Caspian Sea coast.

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